

Asia. He earned a reputation for his leadership on that issue and many important issues, and I know my colleagues join with me in expressing our appreciation for the judicious manner in which he has chaired the House Committee on Rules for the past 3 years. He has always been the epitome of fairness and expertise.

Congress' loss is a gain for Freda and their five children. We wish the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) and his family good health, happiness, and success in years ahead.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for his contribution.

I would like to say that I, too, enjoyed working with the gentleman from New York on that very important issue of POWs and MIAs, and I had the privilege of traveling with the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) to Southeast Asia as we continue to remain committed to bringing about a full resolution and accounting of all those still classified as missing in action.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), my very dear friend and fellow Californian.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend from California for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I want to add my words of best wishes and sorrow at our colleague's decision to leave. The gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) has been one of the most energetic, committed, serious, decent Members of this body. I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with him on a wide range of issues, but two of those stand out in my memory. One, of course, was his determination to get to the bottom of the POW-MIA issue. And the second one, a generic issue, was his passionate commitment to human rights.

As the Democratic chairman of the Human Rights caucus, I never had a more dependable and reliable ally on any human rights issue than the gentleman from the State of New York. He passionately felt the plight and pain of people persecuted or discriminated against anywhere on the face of this planet, and his strong voice for human rights will be sorely missed.

I also want to join the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and my friend the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) in expressing our best wishes to his very fine wife, who was a full partner and companion in all of his endeavors, and to all of his fine children. And I am sure on our side all of us deeply regret his departure.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for his contribution.

I would simply close this 1-minute, Mr. Speaker, by saying that I, too, extend best wishes to Freda and to all the members of the Solomon family. I had the opportunity to travel with the Solomons right into the district of my colleague, to Lake Placid, New York. I still am carrying the burden of that on my wrist, because he insured that I

would go straight forward down the bobsled run, and I am still trying to recover from that. It took a while for me to have the guts to do it, but with my colleague pushing me on, I had no choice whatsoever but to go straight ahead in pursuing that.

I would say in closing, Mr. Speaker, that we will continue to hear from the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON). In the next week or so, I will be privileged to distribute to all of our colleagues a book on NATO expansion that he has just authored for the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

So the gentleman from New York is here. He is going to remain very active in this institution for the next several months, but we know that he will be retiring as the 106th Congress approaches. And I know everyone in this institution joins me in extending very best wishes and godspeed to our colleague and his family.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS) at 5 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 218, de novo;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 37, de novo; and

House Joint Resolution 102, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 218, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BE-REUTER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 218, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 1, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No 110]

YEAS—391

Abercrombie	Crapo	Hefley
Ackerman	Cubin	Hefner
Aderholt	Cummings	Herger
Allen	Cunningham	Hill
Andrews	Danner	Hilleary
Archer	Davis (FL)	Hilliard
Armey	Davis (IL)	Hinchey
Bachus	Davis (VA)	Hinojosa
Baker	Deal	Hobson
Baldacci	DeFazio	Hoekstra
Ballenger	DeGette	Holden
Barcia	Delahunt	Hooley
Barrett (NE)	DeLauro	Horn
Barrett (WI)	DeLay	Hostettler
Bartlett	Deutsch	Houghton
Barton	Diaz-Balart	Hoyer
Bass	Dickey	Hulshof
Becerra	Dicks	Hunter
Bentsen	Dingell	Hutchinson
Bereuter	Doggett	Istook
Berman	Dooley	Jackson (IL)
Berry	Doolittle	Jackson-Lee
Bilirakis	Doyle	(TX)
Bishop	Dreier	Jenkins
Blagojevich	Duncan	John
Bliley	Dunn	Johnson (CT)
Blumenauer	Edwards	Johnson (WI)
Boehlert	Ehlers	Johnson, E. B.
Boehner	Ehrlich	Johnson, Sam
Bonilla	Emerson	Jones
Bonior	English	Kanjorski
Bono	Etheridge	Kaptur
Borski	Evans	Kasich
Boswell	Everett	Kelly
Boucher	Ewing	Kennedy (MA)
Boyd	Farr	Kennedy (RI)
Brady	Fattah	Kennelly
Brown (CA)	Fawell	Kildee
Brown (FL)	Fazio	Kilpatrick
Brown (OH)	Filner	Kim
Bryant	Forbes	Kind (WI)
Bunning	Ford	King (NY)
Burr	Fossella	Kingston
Burton	Fowler	Klecza
Buyer	Fox	Klink
Callahan	Frank (MA)	Klug
Calvert	Franks (NJ)	Knollenberg
Camp	Frelinghuysen	Kolbe
Campbell	Frost	Kucinich
Canady	Furse	LaFalce
Cannon	Gallegly	LaHood
Capps	Gekas	Lampson
Cardin	Gephardt	Lantos
Carson	Gibbons	Largent
Castle	Gilchrest	Latham
Chabot	Gillmor	LaTourette
Chambliss	Gilman	Lazio
Chenoweth	Goodlatte	Leach
Clay	Goodling	Lee
Clayton	Gordon	Levin
Clement	Goss	Lewis (CA)
Clyburn	Graham	Lewis (GA)
Coble	Granger	Lewis (KY)
Coburn	Green	Linder
Collins	Gutierrez	Lipinski
Combust	Gutknecht	Livingston
Condit	Hall (OH)	LoBiondo
Conyers	Hall (TX)	Lowey
Cooksey	Hamilton	Lucas
Costello	Hansen	Luther
Cox	Hastert	Maloney (CT)
Coyne	Hastings (FL)	Manton
Cramer	Hastings (WA)	Manzullo
Crane	Hayworth	Markey